



## LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE REQUIREMENTS

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**Definition:** Home licensed to provide day care less than 24 hours per day for fourteen or fewer children, in the providers own home.

**Occupancy:** R3

### 1. Smoke Detector

Install single station smoke alarms in each sleeping room and on the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bed rooms. In multi-level dwellings and dwellings with basements, a detector shall be installed on each story and in the basement. **CFC 907.2.11.2**

### 2. Fire Drills

- a) A dependable means of sounding a fire alarm that can be heard throughout your home shall be provided. A smoke detector mounted on a wall forty-eight (48) inches from the floor would be an acceptable method of sounding an alarm. **CFC 907.2.6.4**

**Note:** This will be in addition to the unit located in the hall serving the sleeping areas.

- b) A fire drill must be conducted a minimum of once a month. A log of events shall be kept for review by the fire inspector. Failure to maintain records may result in a citation or additional charges for inspections to ensure drills are being performed. **CFC 405.1 and 405.2**

### 3. Fire Extinguishers

- a) Provide one (1) 2A:10B:C type fire extinguisher, mounted three and one-half to five feet from the floor and located near the kitchen area. Extinguisher(s) shall be serviced yearly, when pressure is low, and/or after use. **CFC 906**
- b) Extinguisher must be accessible.

#### 4. Exits

- a) Every story or basement of a large family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other. Every required exit shall be of a size to permit the installation of a door not less than 32 inches in clear width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in height. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits.
- b) Rooms used for day care purposes shall not be located above the first story.

**Exception:** Buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout and which have at least one of the required exits providing access directly to the exterior. NFPA 13R may be used in large family day care homes. The sprinkler omissions of NFPA13R shall not apply unless approved by the enforcing agency.

#### 5. Additional Areas of Concern

- a) Storage of combustibles in water heater closets (including accumulation of lint and spider webs) is not permitted. **CFC 305.1**
- b) Electrical extension cords are not to be used. Cords on appliances will be checked. **CFC 605.5**
- c) Weeds, large piles of debris, and trash shall be cleared away. **CFC 304.1.2**
- d) Properly store flammable or combustible liquids in safety cans away from sources of ignition, i.e., gasoline next to water heater. **CFC Chapter 34**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A FIRE CLEARANCE, YOU MUST OBTAIN A LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE PERMIT FROM THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fire Prevention:

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